

**56746 to 56755. MALUS SYLVESTRIS**  
Mill. Malaceæ. (*Pyrus malus* L.) **Apple.**

From Damascus, Syria. Scions presented by Charles E. Allen, American consul. Received March 29, 1923.

"These apple varieties are grown in the Plain of Zebdani, about 25 miles northwest of Damascus, at an altitude of a little above 3,500 feet. The apples of this region, though small, are known for their delicious flavor and bring good prices in the markets of Syria and Palestine. The methods of culture are primitive, and it is believed that the quality and size of the apples could be greatly improved by modern methods." (Allen.)

56746. No. 1. *Dershawii*.

56747. No. 4. *Hamod*.

56748. No. 6. *Feudy*.

56749. No. 7. *Fatima*.

56750. No. 8. *Lazkani*.

56751. No. 9. *Iraki*.

56752. No. 10. *Hamani*.

56753. No. 12. *Zebdani*.

56754. No. 13. *Kilatty*.

56755. No. 14. *Marius*.

**56756 to 56759.**

From Shantung, China. Scions sent in by K. M. Gordon, South Shantung Industrial and Agricultural School of the American Presbyterian Mission (North), at the request of C. A. Reed, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received March 23, 1923. Quoted notes by Mr. Gordon.

56756 to 56758. JUGLANS REGIA L. Juglandaceæ. **Walnut.**

56756. "(No. 1.) From Cheng Chia Chuang, southwest of Tsingchowfu; the tree was one of the finest seen, and was said to have produced 600 cattles (about 800 pounds) of nuts the previous season."

56757 and 56758. "From Cheng Chia Chuang district."

56757. "(No. 2.)"

56758. "(No. 3.)"

56759. PYRUS sp. Malaceæ. **Pear.**

"(No. 5.) *Ya li* (Duck pear). From 35 li (about 10 miles) northwest of Techow. The fruits are large, with thin smooth yellow skin and white juicy sweet flesh. This variety is a good keeper."

**56760 to 56766.**

From China. Scions sent in by K. M. Gordon, South Shantung Industrial and Agricultural School of the American Presbyterian Mission (North), at the request of C. A. Reed, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received March 26, 1923. Quoted notes by Mr. Gordon.

56760. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L. Amygdalaceæ. (*Prunus persica* Stokes.) **Peach.**

"(No. 4.) *Fei peach*. From 90 li (about 30 miles) northwest of Taianfu, Shantung. This is the most famous peach of China; it is a clingstone with the skin and flesh tinged with red."

56761. CASTANEA MOLLISSIMA Blume. Fagaceæ. **Chestnut.**

"(No. 7.) From Wan Chia Chang, 45 li (about 15 miles) northwest of Changli, Chihli. This tree, the finest I saw in China, is reported to produce very large sweet nuts."

**56760 to 56766—Continued.**

56762. DIOSPYROS KAKI L. f. Diospyraceæ. **Kaki.**

"(No. 3.) *Honey persimmon*. From Nan Tui Shou, 110 li (about 35 miles) southeast of Tsinanfu, Shantung. The skin slips off the small red fruits when they are ripe; they are very sweet."

56763 and 56764. JUGLANS REGIA L. Juglandaceæ. **Walnut.**

"From Wan Chia Chuang, Chihli. This district probably produces the best walnuts of China."

56763. "(No. 7.)" 56764. "(No. 8.)"

56765 and 56766. PYRUS spp. Malaceæ. **Pear.**

56765. PYRUS sp.

"(No. 2.) *Laiyang*. A variety from Laiyang, Shantung. The fruit is large and dark skinned, and said to be very fine grained, sweet, and juicy."

56766. PYRUS sp.

"(No. 6.) *Peking White*. From Tungshan, 35 li (about 10 miles) northwest of Peking. The fruit is small and round with light lemon-yellow skin and fine-grained sweet flesh."

**56767. CASTANEA sp. Fagaceæ.**

**Chestnut.**

From Tengyueh, Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Received January 16, 1923.

Received without data; possibly the same as S. P. I. No. 56768, which comes from the same general region.

**56768. CASTANOPSIS HYSTRIX DC.**  
Fagaceæ. **Chestnut.**

From southwestern Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Received January 10, 1923.

"(No. 6716. October 24, 1922.) A lofty tree 80 to 100 feet tall, with trunks 3 feet in diameter, found in the pine forests of the Shweli Valley 40 li (about 12 miles) north of Lungling at an altitude of 6,000 feet. The smooth fawn-colored bark is flaky, and the straight ascending branches give the tree an oblong appearance. The burs are in long densely packed spikes, and the involucre are covered with long soft green spines. The small nuts are borne singly or in twos. This is one of the finest forest trees of the region. According to the natives the wood is very durable and never attacked by insects." (Rock.)

**56769. SACCHARUM OFFICINARUM L.**  
Poaceæ. **Sugarcane.**

From Honolulu, Hawaii. Seeds presented by H. P. Agee, director, Hawaiian Sugar-Planters' Association. Received March 28, 1923.

"*D 1135*. A sugarcane variety introduced for planting at Canal Point, Fla." (C. O. Townsend.)

**56770 and 56771. TRIFOLIUM spp.**  
Fabaceæ.

From Jonkoping, Sweden. Seeds presented by Prof. Hernfrid Witte, Swedish Moor-Culture Association. Received March 28, 1923. Quoted notes by Professor Witte.

Introduced for department specialists engaged in clover-breeding investigations.

56770. TRIFOLIUM HYBRIDUM L. **Alsike clover.**

"Genuine Swedish-grown alsike clover."